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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Kazunori OZAWA  
SPEECH DECODER CAPABLE OF DECODING BACKGROUND NOISE SIGNAL  
WITH HIGH QUALITY  
**Assignee: NEC CORPORATION**  
Our Ref. Q67063

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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 20 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and 2 sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	14	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	4	-	3	=	1	x	\$84.00	=	\$84.00
Base Fee									\$740.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$824.00</b>

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$824.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from November 6, 2000 based on Japanese Application No. 337805/2000. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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